

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An autoclaved sterile aqueous suspension comprising ciclesonide and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, wherein the concentration of the ciclesonide taken from a sample of said suspension after it is autoclaved is 95% or more compared to that before it is autoclaved irrespective of whether the sample is taken from the upper, middle or lower portion of the suspension in bulk.

2. – 9. (Canceled)